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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to update its reference to parent applications and to correct an informality which was also corrected in the parent applications. Additionally, claims 1 and 21 have been amended, claims 6-8 and 11-20 have been canceled, and new claims 24-28 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 9-10, and 21-28 are pending.

Applicant respectfully elects the invention of claims 1-10 and 21-23, and has therefore canceled non-elected claims 11-20.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims are in condition for examination. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number below, should any further questions or issues need to be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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